operations; declaration of major insurgent groups as unlawful association under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967; declaration of insurgency affected states as "disturbed area" under the Armed Forces {Special Powers) Act, 1958; reimbursement of security related expenditure to the State Governments and modernization/up-gradation of State Police Force.

Extradition of LTTE Supremo

2882. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note of the recent 200 years sentence handed down to the LTTE Supremo by a Srilankan Court;

(b) whether in the wake of above verdict, the Indian Government are likely to review its stand on the extradition of LTTE Supremo wanted In the Rajiv Gandhi murder case; and

(c) whether India would continue to press ahead with the extradition request?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENIVIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A formal request for the extradition of Shri V. Prabhakaran, leader of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) was made to the Government of Sri Lanka in June, 1995. the extradition, if agreed to, would have to await completion of legal processes in Sri Lanka itself. The position of the Government of India remains the same.

Militants's hide outs in Bangladesh

2883. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many militant groups operating in the North-East have hide outs in Bangladesh;

(b) if so, the details and names of those organisations;

(c) whether Government have received a list comprising the names and details of militant organisations who had set up base camps in Bangladesh territory from the CM of Tripura; and

(d) whether Union Government pursued this matter with the Bangladesh Authorities including the extradition of militants who are wanted in the country for various crimes committed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) The Government are aware that militant groups such as United Liberation Front of Asom (ULFA), National Democratic Front of Bodoland (NDFB), All Tripura Tiger Force (ATTF), National Liberation Front of Tripura (NLFT), Hynniewtrep National Liberation Council (HNLC). Achik National Volunteer Council (ANVC) and National Socialist Council of Nagaland (NSCN/IM) operating in the North East have established their base camps and several hide-outs in Bangladesh.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Government have been regularly taking up these security related issues with the Government of Bangladesh at different levels and have been assured that the territory of Bangladesh would not be allowed to be used for activities inimical to India's Interests.

Remarks on the Acts of Extremist groups in Gujarat

2884. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have seen the remarks made by the US Commission on International Religious Freedom classifying India among the countries of particularly concern;

(b) whether the Commission has cited the violence against the religious minorities in Gujarat early this year in its comment;

(c) whether the US Commission has also cited the evidence discovered by Indian National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) of premeditation by members of majority extremist groups, Gujarat State Government and Police in action; and

(d) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) The power to designate any country as a "Country of Particular Concern" (CPC) lies with the U.S. Secretary of State, and not with the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF).